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OCMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO MAY 22, 2001 OFFICE ACTION

This Communication is submitted in response to the Office Action issued May 22, 2001 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the May 22, 2001 Office Action is due June 22, 2001. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

## REMARKS

On page 2 of the May 22, 2001 Office Action, the Examiner indicated that applicants' election with traverse of Group II, claims 52-76, in Paper No. 16, which applicants filed on December 8, 2000, is acknowledged, that applicants' arguments are found persuasive with regard to restriction between Group I and Group II, and that the restriction between the two groups is removed.

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